

TETON COUNTY
MONTANA



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Dear Chairman Custer and Members of the Committee:
Here are my responses for the questions sent by Toni Henneman:

1. What is your current process to determine which publication prints your public notices? *We follow MCA for public notices and may publish additional notices if the commissioners or another department head feel the public needs to be informed or may have comment.*
2. Have you had any issues with timing, pricing, responsiveness, low readership, etc. with the publication that prints your public notices? *No, Teton County is very fortunate to have two county newspapers; Sun Times and the Choteau Acantha. Choteau Acantha is the paper the county has the printing contract with at this time. We do advertise in both papers for all publications as each paper covers different areas of the county.*
3. Do you utilize any strategies in addition to the statutorily required newspaper publication (i.e. website, social media, hard copy posters, radio, TV, etc.)? *Teton County utilizes their website, the two area radio stations; KSEN-Shelby and KMON-Great Falls. These two stations are very receptive to assist the county with any public notices and do a wonderful job.*
4. What does your county spend, roughly, on public notices on average each year? (Rina, we already have this info for Cascade Co. – thank you!) – *Teton County spends an average of \$9,000 but during state and federal election years it increases about \$5,000.*
5. Anything you think the committee should consider when thinking about electronic notices? Do you think your county could move away from newspaper notice? *Teton County will not move away from publishing in the two local newspapers unless there was a closer(s) of the newspapers. Teton County is an aging community and a lot of our residents do not own a computer and if they own a smart phone they may not be able to operate to the phone's full potential. The Choteau Acantha sends every legal notice to the State Repository which is well utilized.*
6. What do you consider the best way to actually reach your constituents? *Teton County residents are very informed to check the local newspapers for public notices, employment opportunities, election notices, and general information on the county. We do post notices in the post offices, libraries, FaceBook – Elections, and radio.*
7. If you were to use electronic notices, do you think you would need to amend your record retention strategies? *I cannot answer this question right at the moment but would presume the Secretary of State would have to determine the retention strategies for the government.*

If the committee has additional questions for me I will be attending the meeting by Zoom on November 19, 2021.

Sincerely,

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